

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation would amend the Prevention of Minors Access to Tobacco Act by incorporating electronic smoking devices into the definition of tobacco products, creating parity between traditional tobacco products and new, emerging electronic smoking devices and products. It also allows the Department of Health and Welfare to permit all retailers of electronic smoking devices and other vape products in the same manner that traditional tobacco product retailers are currently permitted through the state for tobacco sales. The Department is directed to establish a minimal fee on retailer permits in accordance with increased cost to the Department for issuance of permits, compliance inspection, and administration. This fee would be delayed one year to assess the need and amount.

### FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact to the general fund. The structure for permitting and compliance inspection is currently in place. Fee established by the Department would provide any additional funds needed for potential increased costs for compliance checks, administration, inspection, training, reporting, and record keeping.

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